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FCC Commissioners:

I am writing to you to express my deep concern over this proceeding's proposed regulatory roll-back. While, no doubt, large incumbent internet carriers are eager to shed their responsibility to the American Public, it is in the public's best interest to retain the current effective regulatory framework. Doing so will ensure that ISPs cannot seek to damage competition among content providers, and that the fertile incubator created by the internet will continue to encourage new market entrants.

The enormous boon that the technology sector has provided to our economy over the past two decades cannot be disputed. That growth has only been made possible by that sector's ability to access billions of customers without the chilling effect of individual ISPs potentially degrading individual services on a whim.

The troubling ISP behavior that the current "net neutrality" regulatory framework addresses is the *already demonstrated* practices of, predominantly large, internet providers withholding or degrading the access of their customers to specific internet content providers in the pursuit to extract additional revenue from the content provider. This practice flies directly in the face of the free market system we ascribe to in this country, and while ideally, consumers should be able to "vote with their dollar" and choose an internet provider who does not engage this bad behavior, the reality across the country is that the majority of citizens have only one or at best two poor choices.

Until and unless the last mile broadband market achieves true competitiveness, the changes proposed here represent nothing less than a betrayal of the principals and responsibilities entrusted to the FCC by the American People. Rather than seeking to provide a handout to the large incumbent carriers the FCC should be seeking to make rule changes that encourage new broadband providers to enter the marketplace and attempt to give Americans true choice.

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